



THE DISCOVERY OF THE LAW OF GRAVITATION.

IT WAS AN AIRSHIP, AND NOT AN APPLE AS POPULARLY SUPPOSED, THAT GAVE SIR ISAAC NEWTON HIS CLUE.



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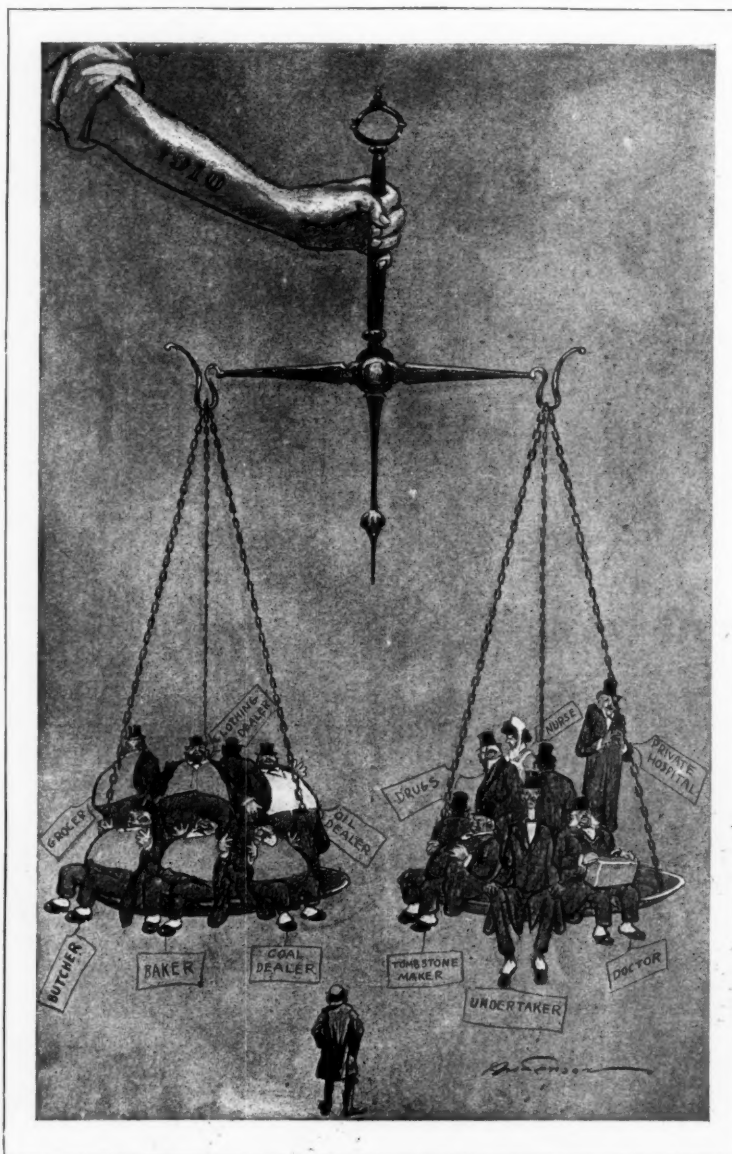
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## Cartoons and Comments

### THE TRUE LINCOLN AT LAST.

A REPUBLICAN politician, one of the practical kind, said recently in reference to the split between the Progressives and the Stand-Patters: "This is a fight to maintain the principles of the party for which the older Republicans fought under ABRAHAM LINCOLN." From what this practical man said further, there can be no doubt that the present day Stand-Patters, and they alone, are the sole Republicans who have been true to the standards of Honest Abe. Other people may quote LINCOLN upon occasion, but it takes a Stand-Patter to give to the quotation, or to the mere reference, that convincing earnestness which betokens deep regard, even reverence. The school-boy, plugging at his history, gets a notion of LINCOLN which at best is incomplete. He pictures him as "the Great Emancipator," occupied first with such problems as the mooted extension of slavery, and later with the conduct of a great war. He pictures him as a strong, plain man, physically uncouth, rude in dress. He does n't see him—the school-books do not teach what the Stand-Patters know so well—that LINCOLN was a reactionary, that he believed in a monopoly tariff, that he was an advocate of Privilege in all its forms, that he had no sympathy with popular elections of public officials, and that his greatest utterance was "With malice toward none and the pork-barrel for all." As for his physical appearance, it is a mistake to think of LINCOLN as tall and raw-boned, with a thin face and deep-set eyes. We are quite convinced that the painters

and the sculptors who have given him to us in bronze and on canvas are wrong. LINCOLN, we are sure, must have been sleek and fat, with a ruddy face, gray side-whiskers, and in all probability wore a shiny silk hat and a diamond stud. In short, he was the little acorn from which have grown such great Stand-Pat oaks as SHERMAN, ALDRICH, HALE, and BAL-LINGER.



HOBSON'S CHOICE.

TO LIVE, OR NOT TO LIVE: THAT IS THE QUESTION!

"A REPUBLICAN setback in November, if it comes, will call a halt on enterprise, will check the business revival, will close mills, and reduce hundreds of thousands of workers to idleness."—*Leslie's Weekly*.

Have n't you forgotten something? The crops, for example. Their part in the show is to rot in the ground, is it not?

"WHEN England took over the task of reforming the country and strengthening the Khedival authority in 1882 the promise was given that as soon as this was accomplished she would get out of the country."—*J. Abellina of Cairo*.

That's what they all say.

WE will favor the formation of a Grand Opera Trust on one condition only. A prohibitive tariff on foreign singers must be added by Congress to the PAYNE-ALDRICH law. As things are now, cheap foreign tenors, sopranos, and contraltos come over here annually and warble for much less than an American singer, with his American standard of living, can afford to accept; sometimes as little as two thousand dollars per night. After they have saved a few green and yellow-backs, they then return home, like the Chinese.



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## HOLDING HIM DOWN.

DOCTOR.—You must be operated upon directly! Not a day's delay!  
JONES.—Hold on, Doc! Stick to your automobile! Don't begin thinking about a flying-machine!

## COURTESY.



MAN may be Extremely Bad—  
A Pirate and a Skin;  
But that, belike, is just his Fad,—  
You must n't rub it in.

Though Fraud and Treason both combine  
To make his Record sable,  
No Decent Person will decline  
To sit with him at table.

Reproof or Rude Demeanor would  
But add to his distress;  
A Friendly Smile will make him Good,—  
*Toujours la politesse!*

Arthur Guiterman.

## GETTING TO THEM.

WHEN women vote we may expect electioneering  
“ads.” something like this:

Ladies! We beg your attention to our new stock of Political Nominees, now on the market and ready for your approval. Our Congressmen—as handsome, durable, and *chic* as can be put on the market for the price. The very latest thing in President and Vice, “Smiling Bill” Raft and Reggie De Vere Butts—approved by the smartest sets in London and Paris. You would n't wear a last year's hat—then why vote for a last-century Senator? Our candidate is the latest design, and will be all the rage this winter in exclusive society. Have you seen our candidate for Coroner? If you have not, you don't know what you have missed—as dainty, sweet, and fluffy as the finest lingerie, yet strong and dependable as a cowhide boot. Just look over our assortment of Assemblymen—it is a pleasure to show them. Some exquisite patterns in Aldermen—the rush is on now—now is the time to make your selections. Don't go to other parties and be robbed. Come in here.

C. M. W.

## BI-AND-BUY.

THIS very plain I'd buy a bi-  
Plane, were they not so deuced high;  
But they are dropping every day,  
So by-and-by a bi I'll buy.

## PRECEDENT LACKING.

A DAM, returning from a distant part of Eden, overheard voices, and peering through the bushes distinctly saw the Old Serpent feeding Eve an apple. “Oh, what shall I do?” exclaimed our first father, in a great quandary. The unwritten law, it will be borne in mind, was not yet invented, otherwise he might have rushed in with a club or something and changed the whole course of human history.



## PATIENCE

THOUGH the Virtues looked rather cold and pinched sitting thus, they were quite pretty, after their own fashion. But all at once one of them jumped up and left the room, slamming the door behind her.

“That,” whispered a voice at our elbow, “is Patience.”

“Indeed! What is the significance of her very singular conduct?”

“Hush! The fact is, it keeps her so busy ceasing to be a virtue, these days, that she is about worn out. The Gods are expecting to lose her altogether almost any day.”

## A BUST, ANYWAY.

MOTORTON, SR.—You kept the car out rather late last evening, son. What delayed you?  
MOTORTON, JR.—Had a blowout, Dad.  
MOTORTON, SR.—H'm! Tire or roadhouse?



## A LOVER OF HORSEFLESH.

“I take lots of pleasure out of horses. I enjoy them more and more.”

“Thought you preferred an auto?”

“I do! But it's such bully sport seeing horses shy, rear, run away, and all that sort of thing!”

**Some people exhibit their ingenuity in their methods of making fools of themselves.**

# THE UPS AND DOWNS OF FASHIONABLE ATTIRE.



THE SUMMER-GIRL:  
UP AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.



THE WINTER-GIRL:  
DOWN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

## I O U.



H, what a happy world 't would be, an Eden quite invidIOUS!  
If it were not for the I O U's!  
Or . . . what a wretched race of men . . . how utterly  
perfidIOUS!  
If it were not for the I O U's!  
True that there are viewpoints varIOUS  
(Just as men are multifarIOUS),  
But (here is the point precarIOUS!)  
It depends on whose the I O U's!

When people find that they have made investments  
injudicIOUS,  
Then they're ready with their I O U's.  
When markets which they dared to play have proven  
inauspicious,  
Then they're ready with their I O U's.  
Though their needs were quite commodIOUS,  
And your good coin clinked melodIOUS,  
Yet you'll find your calls are odIOUS,  
When you seek the cash for I O U's.

When you've turned a man a favor, then his thanks are ceremonIOUS—  
Oh, the precious verbal I O U's!  
But if Fate reverses cases you may find him querimonIOUS—  
Oh, those precious verbal I O U's!  
Some assume an air loquacious,  
Others feign the mood pugnacious,  
More will deem you most audacious  
To recall their verbal I O U's.

If the fond and foolish lover (though the maiden prove capricIOUS)  
Fain would pay imagined I O U's;  
If the coy and artless maiden (knowing him as avaricIOUS)  
Fain would pay imagined I O U's;  
If . . . if with the sign propitious  
They should prove the joys delicIOUS  
Tasting kisses surreptitious—  
Pray, who would not pay his I O U's? *Louis Schneider.*

## USUAL TENANTS.

LANDLORD (of Palace Hotel, Yaphank).—There ain't a vacant  
store to be had in this here hull town, b' gosh!  
STRANGER.—Great Scott! And are they all doing business?  
LANDLORD (puzzled).—All what?  
STRANGER.—All the moving-picture shows, of course.

## SISTER EGGBY'S INTRODUCTION.

THE lady who was ushered into the presence of the Rev. A. Bartholomew St. Clyde on the morning of his busiest day was elderly and aggressive looking. She carried an umbrella, a Boston bag, a lunch-box with many strands of pink cord around it, and a wilted geranium plant in an earthen pot.

"I have a letter of introduction from an old friend of yours," she said as she produced the letter.

"Yes. Be seated, please," said the Rev. St. Clyde, as he gave her a chair, and then read the following letter:

WINDY CORNERS, INDIANA, Sept. 3, 19—.

"DEAR BROTHER ST. CLYDE:—No doubt you will be a good deal surprised to receive this letter which will be handed to you by Sister Adaline Eggby, who is going to spend a week in New York where she does not know any one, and it is for that reason that I am giving her a letter to you, knowing as I do your kind heart and how pleased you always were to do a favor when you lived here in Windy Corners twenty years ago. Sister Eggby was not a member of our church then, but is now one of our most active members and has heard us all talk so much about you that she feels as if she knew you, and if it is so you can entertain her during the week she is to be in your midst she and I would both appreciate it very much. We are all pleased to know that you have worked up to be the pastor of a large New York church, and it must be quite a change from your pastorate here in Windy Corners just after your graduation. There have been a good many changes in the twenty years since you were here, but many are still left who remember you, and Sister Eggby will tell you all about them. She desires to do a good deal of shopping while she is in New York, and wants especially to get a real good rain-coat and a nice



"A STERN AND ROCK-BOUND COAST."

**A** commuter is a man with an eternal necessity for catching trains.



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black-silk dress-pattern for herself, besides a number of things a few of us are taking the opportunity of sending to New York for, including a nice feather boa I want her to get for me and a good knitted jacket Sister Peevy wants. You will remember Sister Peevy. She played the organ the year you were here, and you will be sorry to hear that her father, Deacon Peevy, passed away some nine years ago. As I have said before, there have been many changes. Still, you would see some familiar faces if you came here, as we would be glad to have you do at any time. Sister Eggby desires to look up a second cousin of hers named Smith living somewhere in New York. She has not heard from him for some fifteen years, but he was living in New York the last she heard from him, and Sister Eggby will appreciate it if you will help her find him. He was in the butter-and-egg business the last she heard. A distant relative of mine named Brown is also a resident of New York, and I have given Sister Eggby a letter to him which I hope you will assist her to deliver. I do not know his address, but his first name is William. His grandfather married a half-sister of my grandfather and we have always called ourselves cousins, although of course we are not. Cousin William's wife had relatives in New York named Hopkins and perhaps you can find him through them. Sister Eggby desires to go to the Hippodrome if you think it is a place such as a Christian should frequent. Otherwise she will refrain from going, as she desires to avoid even the appearance of evil and is willing and glad to be directed by you in her going and coming while she is a member of your household. It will interest you to know that she is now president of our Ladies' Mission Band, which is now engaged in filling a barrel to be sent to the Fiji Islands. Possibly your dear wife might have something she would desire to put in the barrel. If so, Sister Eggby would



## TIME EVENS ALL THINGS.

CITYITE (*whose runabout has been demolished*).—What hit me?

FARMER.—No offense. I hope ye ain't hurted much. I guess ye 'll remember me as th' feller whose wagon ye busted a year ago, hey?

be only too glad to receive it. As you are a minister we have thought that you might be able to buy things at a discount there in New York, and if you can we would all appreciate it if you would let Sister

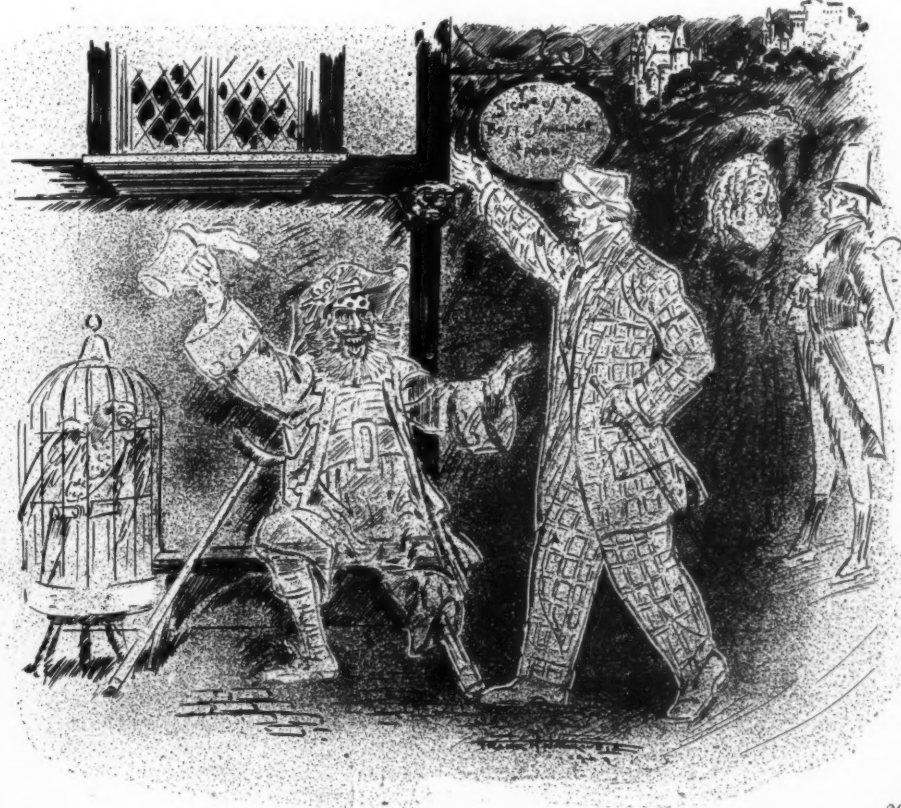
Eggby make her purchases in your name. As I said before, there have been many changes since you were here. Brother Beezly passed away eight years ago and you will regret to know that he left his widow in poor circumstances. It will pain you to know that two or three who were converted under your preaching have not held out, and one in particular is in the penitentiary for life. We shall all be so eager to hear what Sister Eggby has to tell us after she returns from her week or ten days with you. If things go on well at home she may stay two weeks with you, but it will be best for you not to count on that as you might be disappointed, for she may not be able to stay but a week for reasons she can tell you. There is much more I could write, but Sister Eggby will tell you all the news. We would all be glad to have you return here as our pastor, but I suppose you would hardly care to consider a call to us. We now pay our pastor \$425.00 a year, with two donation parties and his firewood. He makes about sixty dollars a year off his chickens and he canvasses some for a book and his wife is agent for a soap company and gives music lessons, so they get along very nicely. They have eight very interesting children, but I will say confidentially that some are beginning to think that Brother Pepply—that is his name—has outlived his usefulness and that a change would be desirable. But I would not wish you to repeat this as coming from me.

If you *should* be thinking of a change I believe we could raise the salary to five hundred, although I cannot speak officially. With love to all I am,

"Yours affectionately, MARY ELIZA DODDBY.

"P. S.—I am sending you a potted geranium plant by dear Sister Eggby."

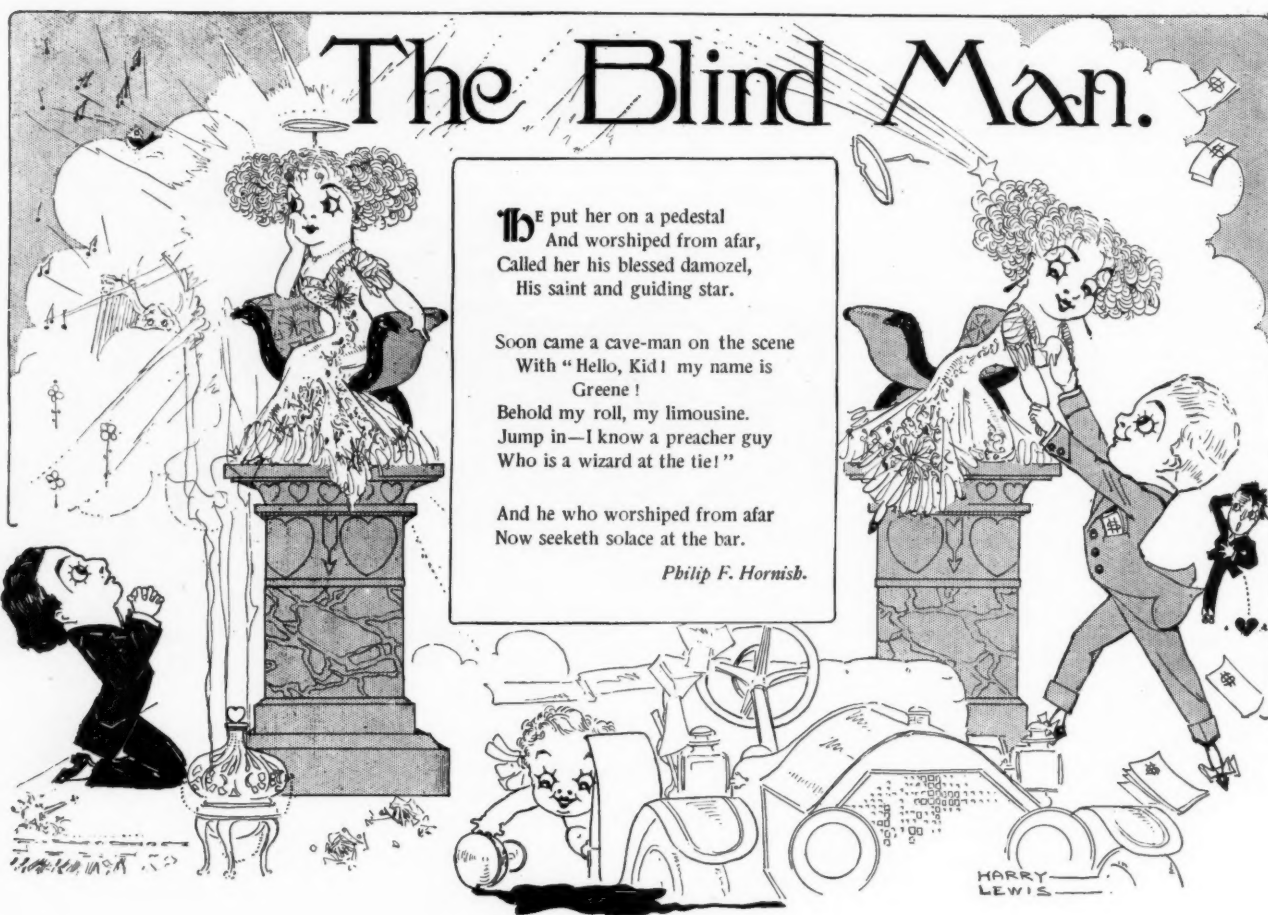
M. M.



## JOLLY.

They met in the Hereafter of Fiction. "Fifteen men on the dead man's chest!" bellowed Stevenson's Pirate.

"Ha! Jolly old football song, that!" exclaimed the hero of the college novel which, though recent, was already dead.



# The Blind Man.

He put her on a pedestal  
And worshiped from afar,  
Called her his blessed damozel,  
His saint and guiding star.

Soon came a cave-man on the scene  
With "Hello, Kid! my name is  
Greene!  
Behold my roll, my limousine.  
Jump in—I know a preacher guy  
Who is a wizard at the tie!"

And he who worshiped from afar  
Now seeketh solace at the bar.

Philip F. Hornish.

## HER USEFUL 'PHONE.



USEFUL? My dear, you simply cannot know how useful a 'phone is until you have had one in the house a few weeks. I used to think that I did n't care for one, but now nothing in the world could induce me to be without one. They are so useful. Now just take to-day: Sister May called me up early this morning and told me all about her new hat, and Mrs. Gaddy rang me up and told me all about Mrs. Lillypad's bridge that I could n't attend because of a perfectly dreadful toothache. Then I rang up my husband's mother and told her all about the baby's new tooth, and she told me what to do if it seemed to pain him. Then I rang Cousin Nettie up and she told me all about her two weeks in the country, and I had hardly put up the receiver before Mrs. Tattler rang me up and told me the straight of that story that is going around about George DeSmythe and his wife intending to separate, and . . . Oh yes! I rang up my husband twice and told him not to forget to buy some things I told him to be sure and not to forget when he left home this morning. You know how forgetful men are. Then my husband rang me up to tell me that he could not come home this evening until the 6:10 train instead of the 5:54, and Sister Belle rang me up and told me about a letter she had had from our Aunt Eleanor who was coming to visit us next month, but she isn't coming now because she is going out to California. Then I rang the doctor up to ask him what I should do in case the baby's new tooth made him feverish, and then . . . Oh, that is our ring now! Please excuse me for a moment! . . . It was just the secretary

of our reading club telling me that she had sent me a postal-card asking me to be sure and come to the meeting on Friday. You see just how useful the 'phone is. Such a time-saver. It's really both time and money in one's pocket to have a 'phone in the house, don't you think?

Max Merryman.



## THE COST OF LIVING.

McCLUBBER.—The footpad said "Money or your life!" so I gave him two dollars.

MRS. McCLUBBER.—Huh! You're always getting stuck, Billy!

**No man is born clothed, but almost none fails of having clothes thrust upon him, to the end that he spends all his life achieving clothedness.**



NO USE.

OH MEN, upon a windy day  
Don't hang about dear old Broadway  
And Twenty-third, just to suppose  
You'll see some fascinating hose;  
Don't let your eyes expectant gloat,—  
The hobble-skirt has got your goat!

C. M. W.

HE CAME BACK.

**P**AST the protesting elevator-man and the equally indignant office-boy he had forced his way square up to the desk of the managing editor. There was a fire in his eye—a fire re-echoed in his scarlet necktie and red-ringed socks.

"Yes sir," he announced with angry precision, "I've come back! Just becuz Jeffries could n't come back I s'pose you thought nobody could n't. You had an idee you could go right on buncoing folks without anybody saying 'Boo!' There's my card. I'm the darn fool that's been taking your paper for the last thirty years."

"Really, Mr. a—a—Judson, I'm not acquainted with the subscription lists."

"You ain't? I s'pose you'll say you don't remember a letter I wrote you a year ago when I got that twenty-five thousand dollars left me?"

"H'm—a—"

"Oh, you do remember it, do ye? And maybe you remember that I wrote I was going to spend the money looking up the things I'd read about in your paper for the last thirty years?"

"Did you do it?"

"Did I do it! The first place I went to was Northampton, Massachusetts. Do you remember the piece you printed in '91 about Northampton, Massachusetts?"

"It was n't a strike, was it?"

"No sir, it was n't a strike, nor a fire, nor a cyclone. It was a piece about a girl that had slept steady for eight weeks without a bite to eat."

"Well, was she awake when you got there?"

"No sir, she was n't awake when I got there, and she was n't asleep neither—she was n't nowhere. And when I ast the people that lived in Northampton all their lives what do you s'pose they told me?"

"I have n't an idea."

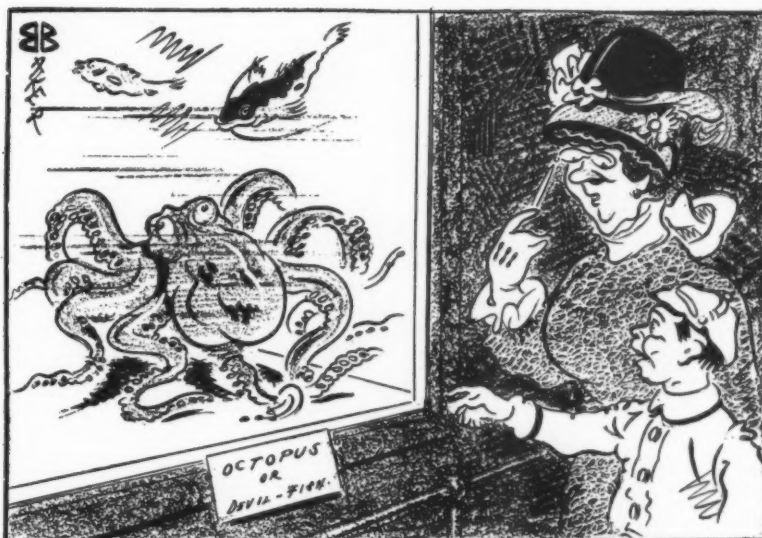
"They says that girl never lived there at all; that there never was such a girl; and that nobody ever heard of her except in your paper."



ON THE RIALTO.

LEADING JUVENILE.—What's got Greeseypant's goat? Has he a grouch against some manager?

LEADING HEAVY.—Far from it, me boy! He's been engaged to do *Simon Legree* in the all-star production of *Uncle Tom*, and he's learning to walk the part!



THE FIRST THOUGHT.

BOBBY.—Say, Ma: I wonder how many cigarettes he could manage to roll at one time with all them feelers!

"I'm sorry," said the editor, hoping to stem the tirade.

"I'll make you sorrier before I get through with ye. Do you remember that piece you published in '86 about the spring in Big Bend, Arkansas, that ran lemon phosphate?"

"Can't say I recall exactly—"

"Don't matter. I can prove it becuz I've got the clipping in my scrap-book. Well, Big Bend was the first place I went."

"What was the matter? Did the spring run wild cherry?"

"No sir, nor tame cherry, nor sarsaparilly, nor chocolate ice-cream sody. There ain't a spring in town, and when I ast folks about it they laffed, yes sir, they laffed."

"I deeply regret—"

"And in Peaberry, Illinois, Amos Wilkins took a shotgun to me when I dropped in to inquire about the buried treasure that you says he dug up in his orchard in 'nineteen-five. So many folks had ast him about the treasure he'd never found that he'd gone clean out of his head."

"But fortunately you escaped?"

"Yes sir, I escaped to find that there ain't any fisherman by the name of Terwilliger Botts at Newburyport, and that he never saw no sea-serpent; that haunted house out in Vermilion, South Dakota, never was haunted; and the escaped menagerie near Tucson, Arizona, did n't escape at all. There never was a wild man at Paterson, New Jersey; Susie Willets at Sun Prairie, Nebraska, never even saw an eagle, and you says she was carried off by one. Richard J. Jensen at the University of Minnesota did n't invent a machine to undress him, and Lottie Le Rou, the well-known showgirl, does n't carry around four young boa-constrictors to play with between acts. But I ain't mean, Mr. Editor. I'm going to give you a true piece to write up in your paper. Just have somebody write down this: 'At the age of sixty-five Oscar F. Judson, of Oskowee, Wis., begun licking editors—'" And if the religious editor and the foreman had n't happened in, Mr. Judson would have begun very well indeed.

Horatio Winslow.



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WALLS OF JERICO.

THE HEAD AND THE STOMACH.

(BEING ÆSOP, DONE ON BOTH SIDES.)

**H** EAD.—At last! This is the solution!  
 STOMACH.—O Lord! He's at it again!  
 HEAD.—This article (*nodding gratefully at the latest copy of a "health" magazine*) makes the dietary problem as clear as crystal.

STOMACH.—And probably as succulent! (*In a loud voice:*) Say, old man, what have you got now?

HEAD.—Hello, is that you, my boy? I did n't know you were listening.

STOMACH.—No, I suppose not. Somehow you don't take me into your confidence as you used to. But what's this new one? Let's hear it, and then go to dinner.

HEAD.—Dinner! That's all you think of. Will you never get over those useless habits? . . . . .

Well then, this article is by a diet expert—

STOMACH.—What's he know about food?

HEAD.—Have the decency to listen, and you'll hear. He has declared, now and for evermore, for the "Raw Food Table"—nuts, fruit, and water.

Nothing else. He says that this reform, universally adopted, means the millennium.

STOMACH.—Means the millennium! Seems to me I've heard that word somewhere. Well, I suppose one good millennium deserves another. But you're not serious about this matter of nuts, fruits, and water instead of food? I won't stand it.

HEAD.—Come, now; don't talk that way. I know what's for your good.

STOMACH (*bitterly*).—Yes; you said that several times before. I've been fed à la This Fellow and à la That Fellow, and I'm sick of it. First I got "Scientific Diet for the Unscientific"—and I got weak and dizzy, and so did you. Then you took on "Short Sermons on Mastication," and I leave it to you if it did n't leave me sick and you silly. And now it's going to be a Raw Food Table, is it? Well, it is n't. I won't stand it. I'll quit; then where will you be?

HEAD.—Now, see here—you must listen to reason. Here I am, spending the greatest part of my waking hours—

STOMACH.—Sometimes I think we'd both be better off if you did n't have any waking hours.

HEAD (*ignoring this remark*).—Figuring out a diet based on reason, not on gluttonous habitual desires. I've read all the text-books on the subject. I read all the latest discoveries of science as soon as



INCONSIDERATE.

INDIGNANT OLD GENT.—Are n't you ashamed to sit there and let a woman with a bundle stand?

HAZY CITIZEN.—'Shamed? No! Can't yer shee I gotter package myself!

they are off the press. Heaven knows I try to do my best for you, and you groan and rebel against my every effort. What *do* you want, anyway?

STOMACH (*brightening up with a vision*).—You might start with a nice, large, juicy steak.

HEAD.—Steak! There you go again. Don't you know that every piece of flesh food you get is like so much poison? Don't you

know that meat contains urea, uric acid, creatin, creatinin, leukomatin, and other poisonous compounds? I can prove this easily by placing meat in a jar and keeping it in a warm place for a day or two—

STOMACH.—But why place it in a jar? I did n't ask you to do that. Try placing it in me.

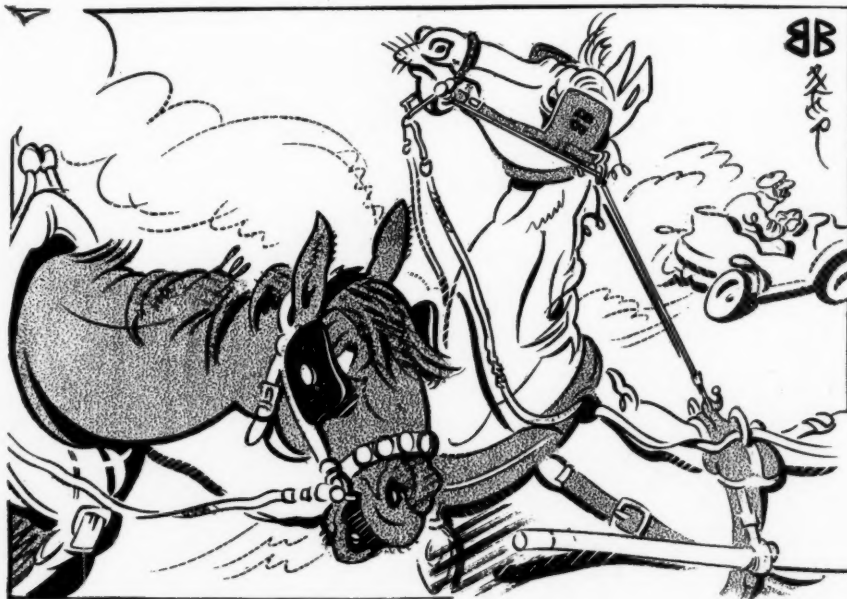
HEAD.—And poison you? Never-r-r!

STOMACH.—Well, I'm a sport. Let's try it, just once more. That's a good fellow.

HEAD.—Listen! Consider the ox. Look upon his rugged figure, his well-rounded limbs. Observe the tremendous power in

his muscles. He eats no meat. He is a vegetarian, pure and simple.

STOMACH.—That's fine—but we're not an ox. We're



A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

THE DRAY HORSE.—Don't you wish the S. P. C. A. would abolish those torturing check-reins?

THE COB.—I should say not! Why I don't catch half the gasoline fumes that you do!

**O** f all the bromidioms said in a dub way, the oldest is this: "It is hot in the Subway!"



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TAKE CARE OF THE PENNIES;  
THE DOLLARS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES!

a man. At least I thought so until you began these strange actions. Sometimes I think, nowadays, that we're a laboratory. Besides, you say the ox is a vegetarian, and you don't intend to be even that, according to your latest expert. You're going to give me nuts and fruit and garden truck.

HEAD.—H'm, that's so. Well, of course, we want to advance beyond a mere ox. We've got nobler, better work to do in the world.

STOMACH.—We'll never do it on nuts, believe me.

HEAD.—You're unreasonable. You ask for things because you have been used to them, regardless of their fitness. It's habit—simply habit.

STOMACH.—You're still wearing a derby hat, I notice. That's a habit. Listen to me a minute, friend. A man who thinks he is sick is the easiest game for a One-Idea Person in the world. He will clutch at the most outrageous proposals from anyone who happens to be prescribing panaceas for the world on the basis of a half-digested theory which barely worked out in a dozen particular cases. There are thousands of propagandists going around with the single refrain: "You are sick; I can make you well!" Some of them want a fee for this service; some want merely to sell a book; others want only the satisfaction of their vanity. They all do good in one thing—they make heads like ours think a little. Follow them further than that, and you will find yourself pursuing a fad, and attaching yourself to a band of well-meaning but deluded people who eat, drink, and sleep Theory. For my part, I can digest almost anything except a theory. The gastric juices won't work on it.

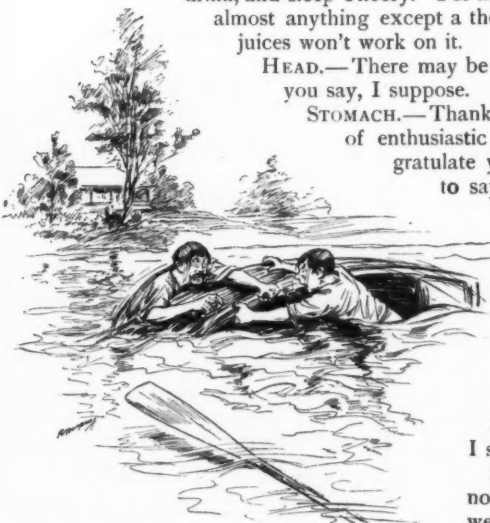
HEAD.—There may be something in what you say, I suppose.

STOMACH.—Thank you for that burst of enthusiastic applause. I congratulate you on being able to say as much. Now,

what do you say about a nice little dinner—not a mountain of food—but a well-varied dinner of the kind we used to use?

HEAD (*reluctantly*).—Chiefly meat, I suppose?

STOMACH.—Oh well, not necessarily. But we've been a long time away from a good mutton chop. How would that go?



ON THE PARK LAKE.  
"I guess you learned to row in the same Correspondence School that I did!"

HEAD.—I'm ready to do almost anything. I'm at my wits' end.

STOMACH (*to itself*).—At his wits' end! That's not very far, but it's something. Anyhow (*excitedly*) I believe we're traveling toward a restaurant! I feel it! (*More excitedly.*) Yes; we are! (*With unholy joy.*) We're sitting down at a table! What's that I hear . . . ?

HEAD.—Waiter!

Freeman Tilden.

## INDISPENSABLE.

THREE camels presented themselves at the dock where the Ark was tied up, whereas but two animals of a kind had been called for.

"One of you fellows will have to step aside!" shouted Noah, very peremptorily.

But the three ships of the desert smiled knowingly.

"I," said the first of them, "am the camel which shall pass through the eye of a needle sooner than a rich man shall enter the kingdom of heaven."

"I," said the second, "am the camel which so many people swallow while straining at a gnat."

"And I," said the third and last, "am the camel whose back was broken by the last straw."

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## THE BLOW.

"PA," asked the Squam Corners grocer's little boy, "what are trade winds?"

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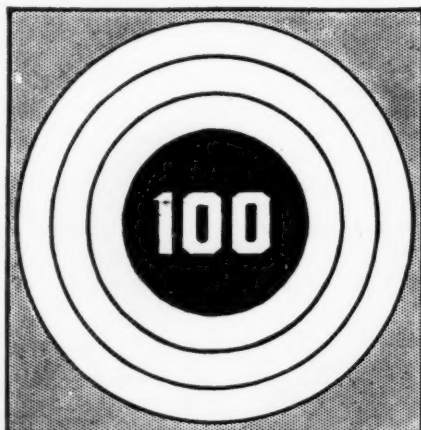


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**MISS CLARA.**—Er—but Shakespeare did not write "Richelieu," Mr. Featherly.

**YOUNG FEATHERLY** (with a tolerant smile).—Ah! I see, Miss Clara, you are one of the few left who believe that Bacon wrote Shakespeare's plays. I wonder if the question will ever be satisfactorily settled?—*N. Y. Times.*

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### THE JOKE ON HER.

**THE FRIEND.**—Your wife does n't appear to be in very good humor.  
**HUSBAND.**—No; she thinks I've invited you to dinner.—*Jean Qui Rit.*

**BRIGGS.**—They say the French are deteriorating.

**GRIGGS.**—I know it. The last time I was over in France I could n't even make them understand their own language.—*Life.*

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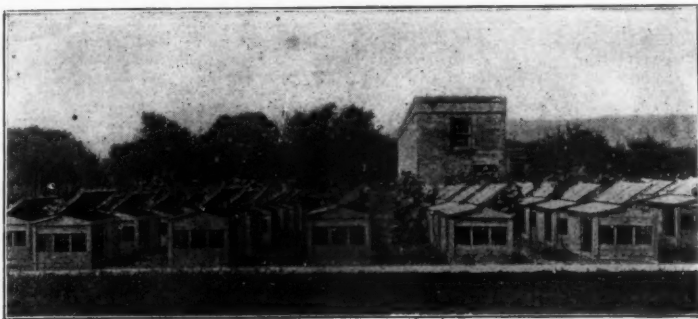
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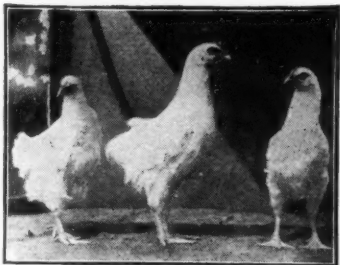
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